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### Time-place learning

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## Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift

1. All transpires in the dimensional space of time and place. Therefore, representations of spatial and temporal coordinates of events likely constitute an evolutionary conserved organizing principle of memory – *modified from Jason A.R. Carr, 2001*
2. Time-Place learning is a discriminating paradigm to study the role of known clock genes on a functional behavioural level (**chapter 3 of this thesis**)
3. Our failure to localize the single primary clock that underlies circadian Time-Place learning strengthens the hypothesis of a distributed underlying clock system (**chapter 4 of this thesis**)
4. What's learned in the cradle lasts till the tomb, also holds for mice (**chapter 5 of this thesis**)
5. Future studies on Time-Place learning should focus on hippocampus-specific clock gene knockout mice and alterations of clock gene expression in the hippocampus with aging (**chapters 4, 5 and 6 of this thesis**)
6. An automated Time-Place Learning paradigm is required to increase the number of animals per experiment, reduce experimenter-induced variation, and detect more delicate differences in learning curves (**appendix I of this thesis**)
7. The consequences of living at odds with the environmental day/night cycle are still underestimated
8. Every cell has its influence in the complex hierarchy of the circadian system, which can therefore be seen as a beautiful demonstration by nature that democracy works when all voices are being appreciated
9. A PhD project can induce early Alzheimer's symptoms: often you will feel lost in time and space
10. The scientist studies the brain and behavior because he takes pleasure in it, and he takes pleasure in it because it is beautiful – *Modified from Henri Poincaré*